ring the last 3 years are as given below:—

Year	No. of foreign tourists (including nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh)	Foreign exchange earnings from tourism (Rs. Crores)
1987-88 .	15,13,487	1,856
1988-89 .	16,19,298	2,103
1989-90 .	17,65,079	2,456 (P)

(P) Provisional

(b) and (c) The Central Government has neither sponsored nor financed any such project in Haryana. The question of clearance of the project and dealing with the other related issues, therefore, does not arise.

Review of fertilizer subsidy

73. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are reviewing the present system of fertilizer subsidy calculated on the cost-plus formula;

(b) whether the present formula is also appliacble on tea, coffee and rubber producers besides foodgrains producers; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to ensure that the subsidy goes to the poor and not the rich?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) The present formula under the retntion price-cum-subsidy scheme is operative for the 5th pricing period ending on 31st March, 1991. The Fertilizer Industry Coordination Committee has initiated necessary steps for formulating the retention pricing policy effective from 1st April, 1991.

(b) The subsidy is paid to the manufacturers of fertilizer and not to the consumers. The sale prices of fertilizer are uniform for all the categories of consumers. However, the pool issue prices are slighthly more in case of plantations than the prices charged for sale to private parties/registered licensed dealers.

(c) In view of reply to part (b) above, question does not arise.

Impact of the Gulf War on foreign tourists

74. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the impact of the Gulf War on foreign tourist traffic to India;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been a large withdrawls of confirmed bookings from United States, Britain and some other countries, if so, the data available in this regard;

(c) the steps being taken to remove mis-apprehensions on the subject abroad; and

(d) the available data about drop in tourist traffic to Jammu and Kashmir both Indian and foreign in last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) There has been a decline of about 20 per cent in the foreign tourist traffic to India excluding the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh during January, 1991 as compared to the

arrivals during same month of the previous year. The decline is primarily due to Gulf war.

(b) No precise data on cancellation of bookings by foreign tourists are available as such bookings are done by the travel trade mostly in the private sector both in the country and abroad.

(c) Efforts are being made by the Government through diplomatic channels and also through direct advertising for dispelling the misapprehensions of the prospective visitors in the tourism markets.

(d) As per the information available from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the percentage increase/decrease in tourist traffic to the State during the last 2 years is as given below:

	1989	1990
Kashmir Valley		
Domestic	—26.0 (Up to June)	—98.4
Foreign	13.1 (Up to June)	—88.5
Pilgrims to Mata Vaishnodevi Shrine	16.00	— 3.6 (Up to Oct.)

Sale of Dhara oil at Higher prices

75. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports of selling of "DHARA" edible oils at prices higher than fixed by the NDDB in the market; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken against such traders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There have been a few cases of such reports. NDDB and the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd. who are the sole selling agents of "Dhara", monitor Dhara sales very closely. The Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation has a large network of sales depots with Field Sales Officers and representatives who constantly monitor the distribution of Dhara through retail outlets. In a situation of such acute shortage such malpractices may occur. Wherever any retailer has been found over-charging for Dhara, strict action has been taken and supplies of Dhara to such retailers have been discontinued immediately. Further NDDB has conducted an advertisement campaign educating consumers about the maximum retail price of different packs of Dhara and requesting consumers not to pay higher prices than the maximum retail price printed on each Dhara pack.

सवाई-माधोपुर राजस्थान में रेल गाड़ियों का रुकना

76. डा० अब्दार अहमद : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस तथ्य की जानकारी है कि राजस्थान की जनता को मुंबई की ओर यात्रा करने के लिए सवाई माधोपुर रेलवे स्टेशन से अपनी गाड़ियां पकड़नी होती हैं, जोकि छोटी और बड़ी रेलवे लाइनों से जुड़ा जंक्शन है ; यदि हां, तो राजधानी एक्सप्रेस, जम्मू तवी और सर्वोदय एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों के इस जंक्शन पर न रुकने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) क्या पिछले पन्द्रह वर्षों के दौरान दिल्ली और मुंबई के बीच चलने वाली गाड़ियों में से किसी के लिये भी सवाई माधोपुर जंक्शन को नया स्टाप बनाया गया है ; यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या इस अवधि में सवाई माधोपुर से मुंबई की ओर जाने वाले यात्रियों की संख्या में कोई वृद्धि हुई है ; यदि इसमें वृद्धि हुई है तो कितने प्रतिशत और इस संबंध में अन्य ब्यौरा क्या है ; और